

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

F-3-145

Property/District Name: Hoke/Grove Lime Kiln Property Survey Number: F:7-145

Project: I-270/US 15 Multimodal Study, Montgomery and Frederick Co. Agency: SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: X no yes Name Date

Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: X A X B X C X D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Hoke/Grove Lime Kiln property is a residential, commercial and industrial property located on the southeast side of Frederick, MD. The property is adjacent to Reich's Ford Road and is considered eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, C, and possibly D.

The Hoke/Grove complex was established in the mid-to late 19th century by Samuel Hoke. Hoke, a German who emigrated to Frederick County about 1850 introduced lime burning for agricultural purposes and pursued his own farming as well. His kiln, identified on the 1873 Titus map at this property, is adjacent to his residence and farm. The kiln and several others were very successful and were eventually purchased by M.J. Grove & Son, one of the largest limestone quarrying companies of its kind in the United States. The Hoke/Grove Lime Kiln property is one of the largest and most important of its kind in the state and is eligible for listing under Criteria A and B, for its association with the Hoke and Grove families.

The property includes five residential buildings, several outbuildings and possibly the remains of 19th-century limestone kilns (archeology is needed). Individually, the buildings lack distinction, but together represent a significant and distinguishable entity and are eligible under Criterion C. As a group, the buildings represent the continuing use and occupation of the property as a combined business, residence and industrial site, demonstrating the close association between families and their businesses.

The proposed National Register boundaries should include all of the buildings historically located on the quarry site, as well as the quarry itself (pending further research). The quarry, though still in operation, is historically associated with the property and directly relevant to the historic significance of the site.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MHT Inventory Files

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Kimberly Prothro Williams
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

September 26 1996
Date

program concurrence: X yes no not applicable

Peter E. Kuntz
Reviewer, NR program

9/30/96
Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Eastern Shore	(all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Western Shore	(Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Piedmont	(Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Western Maryland	(Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Paleo-Indian	10000-7500 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Early Archaic	7500-6000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Middle Archaic	6000-4000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Late Archaic	4000-2000 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Early Woodland	2000-500 B.C.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Middle Woodland	500 B.C. - A.D. 900
<input type="checkbox"/>	Late Woodland/Archaic	A.D. 900-1600
<input type="checkbox"/>	Contact and Settlement	A.D. 1570-1750
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rural Agrarian Intensification	A.D. 1680-1815
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Agricultural-Industrial Transition	A.D. 1815-1870
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Industrial/Urban Dominance	A.D. 1870-1930
<input type="checkbox"/>	Modern Period	A.D. 1930-Present
<input type="checkbox"/>	Unknown Period (<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> historic)	

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Subsistence
<input type="checkbox"/>	Settlement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Political
<input type="checkbox"/>	Demographic
<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technology
<input type="checkbox"/>	Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Government/Law
<input type="checkbox"/>	Military
<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Social/Educational/Cultural
<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: BuildingHistoric Environment: RuralHistoric Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single Dwelling; Industrial/Quarry site

Known Design Source: _____

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Hoke/Grove Lime Kiln Property

and/or common Genstar Quarries

2. Location

street & number SW Quadrant of E. South Street and I-70 ☐ not for publication

city, town Frederick ☐ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Genstar

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick Co. Courthouse liber

street & number folio

city, town Frederick state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland State Highway Administration

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Hoke/Grove Lime Kiln Property is a residential, commercial and industrial property located on the southeast side of Frederick, Maryland. The property consists of 19th century residences and outbuildings, in addition to the current quarrying operations and associated 20th century structures. Included in this survey area are those structures associated with the 19th century activities on the property, as identified during the current study.

These structures include five residential buildings, as well as other outbuildings. Individual buildings are identified by number, keyed to the attached map, since the structures are not otherwise identified. All properties included in this survey are located south of Route 40, off Reich's Ford Road on the east, and between the CSX railroad main line and Ray Smith Road. Current quarrying operations and associated industrial structures are located to the southwest of this property. Current use of the buildings included in this survey is both residential and commercial.

Building 1 is currently in use as the Sales Office for the Genstar Quarry operations at this site. It is a side-gabled, two-story, five bay I-house. A central gable is located over the front door, which faces eastward and the entrance driveway off Reich's Ford and Ray Smith Roads. There is a large parking area in front of the house to accommodate customers and other visitors to the Sales Office. There are two interior chimneys on each gable end of the house. Windows currently are four over four on the first floor, and two over two on the second story. There are two narrower windows over the front door, that probably are modern alterations. The house foundation is of fieldstone, with mortared patches. There is a cellar or basement, as evidenced by window wells. There is a flat-roofed extension beyond the rear of the house, extending the width of the house. This may be an early addition to the original house. There also is another rear extension, with an enclosed two-story porch and outside staircase on the west side and rear of the house. This also may be a 19th century addition. On the north side of the house are 20th century extensions to accommodate current commercial activities, including a long one-story trailer and a one-story extension from the main house block to allow interior access between the two structures. The house has been restored with minimal exterior changes to the original materials.

On the west side of Building 1, to the rear of the house is a square, hipped roof semi-subterranean structure that probably originally functioned as an icehouse or dairy. It is of stone, with asphalt shingled roof. There are no windows in the structure.

Building 2 is located on the north of Building 1. It also is a frame gable-roofed two-story structure, with an ell on the east of the main block. The small two-bay I-frame main block has interior end chimneys, with a door on the north end, which currently is used as a back entrance to the house, but may have been the original entrance to the structure. The present front door is on the south ell.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates Builder/Architect Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☒ B ☒ C ☒ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Hoke/Grove Lime Kiln property has been evaluated for significance in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering and culture as a historic district that possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association.

The Hoke/Grove Lime Kiln property is significant for its association with the important processing of lime for agricultural and building purposes in Frederick County since the second decade of the 19th century. It also is significant for association with the Hoke, Grove and other notable local families (Brengele, Schley, Reich, who were civic leaders and important businessmen of Frederick County in the 19th century and later. This property has been used for commercial, industrial and residential purposes since the 1840s and probably was in use for farming purposes earlier in the 19th century. The architectural styles represented at this property illustrate the industrial, commercial, residential and agricultural uses of their period.

This property, immediately south of Frederick, and adjacent to Reich's Ford Road, which leads across the Monocacy River to the farming community of Ijamsville, was farmed during the late 18th century, providing agricultural produce to Frederick and beyond. During the early 19th century, "scientific" farming was introduced throughout Maryland and Virginia, using new farming methods such as crop rotation, and the application of fertilizers and other materials to increase productivity. One of the materials applied was crushed limestone, of which Frederick County had ample supply. The new transportation systems provided by the C&O (Potomack) Canal, and new turnpikes, made transport of farming produce easier. With more productive soils, this region saw increased numbers of farmers producing grains and cereals for a wide geographic region.

Samuel Hoke, of a German family from Hanover, York County, Pennsylvania, emigrated to Frederick County in about 1850, where he introduced lime burning for agricultural purposes, and pursued his own farming, as well. His kiln, identified on the 1873 Titus map at this property, is adjacent to his home. This kiln and several others were very successful, and attracted the attention of the M.J. Grove & Son lime business, when they purchased all the kilns, which may have numbered 14. The Grove family has been associated with the history of Frederick County and Maryland since

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10. Geographical Data

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

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7. DESCRIPTION (Cont.)

A shed-roofed porch extends between the two blocks. There is an exterior entrance to the cellar on the south side of the original block. The foundation for the entire house is of fieldstone. There is an interior chimney on the south ell, and the entire house has a pressed tin roof. Original windows may survive on the west side of the main block, with nine over six lights. Other windows in the house are probably later 19th century replacements.

North of Building 2 is a stone walled structure with a massive stone chimney on the north end. There are windows on the east and west elevations, and entrance door on the south. This building may have been used as a kitchen, but more likely, functioned as a blacksmith shop for the commercial operations of the lime kiln business, in repairing wagons and shoeing horses.

Southeast of the blacksmith/kitchen structure is a cinder block garage, with simple gable roof, and frame double door entrance on the south side. There are no windows in the garage.

Building 3 is a simple two and a half story double house, to the south of Building 1. It has interior chimneys on the gable ends. There are two entrance doors on the north side of the house with transom lights above the doors. Double hung two-over-two windows remain throughout the structure. The one story entrance porch extends across the front of the house, supported by three posts set into the concrete porch. A small shed-roofed enclosed porch is on the south side of the house. This structure is a simple frame I-house, probably constructed in the late 19th century. It displays few modifications.

Building 4 is to the west of Building 1, and south of the entrance road leading to the quarry operations. It is a typical four-square, two story house, with hipped tin roof. One square exterior chimney is located on the east of the building. There is a three bay, one-story, shed-roofed extension on the south of this structure, and a small enclosed entrance porch on the north side. The cellar is entered by an exterior door on the east side. One window on the second floor of the east side has been replaced by a door. There may have been an exterior stairway here that since has been removed.

Building 5 is on the west of Building 1, and to the north of Building 4. This is a one story hipped roof building with lapped siding and concrete block foundation. The north side of the structure has been banked into an east-west berm. The exterior walls appears to be deep, as judged by the recessed windows and door. The siding may be placed over concrete block or similar material. A tall chimney extends above the roof line, creating an unusual appearance for a structure that appears to be a residence. This building may serve an industrial purpose, which could be explained by further study and examination of the interior. It probably dates from the 1950s, as evidenced by the window configuration, building form, and materials.

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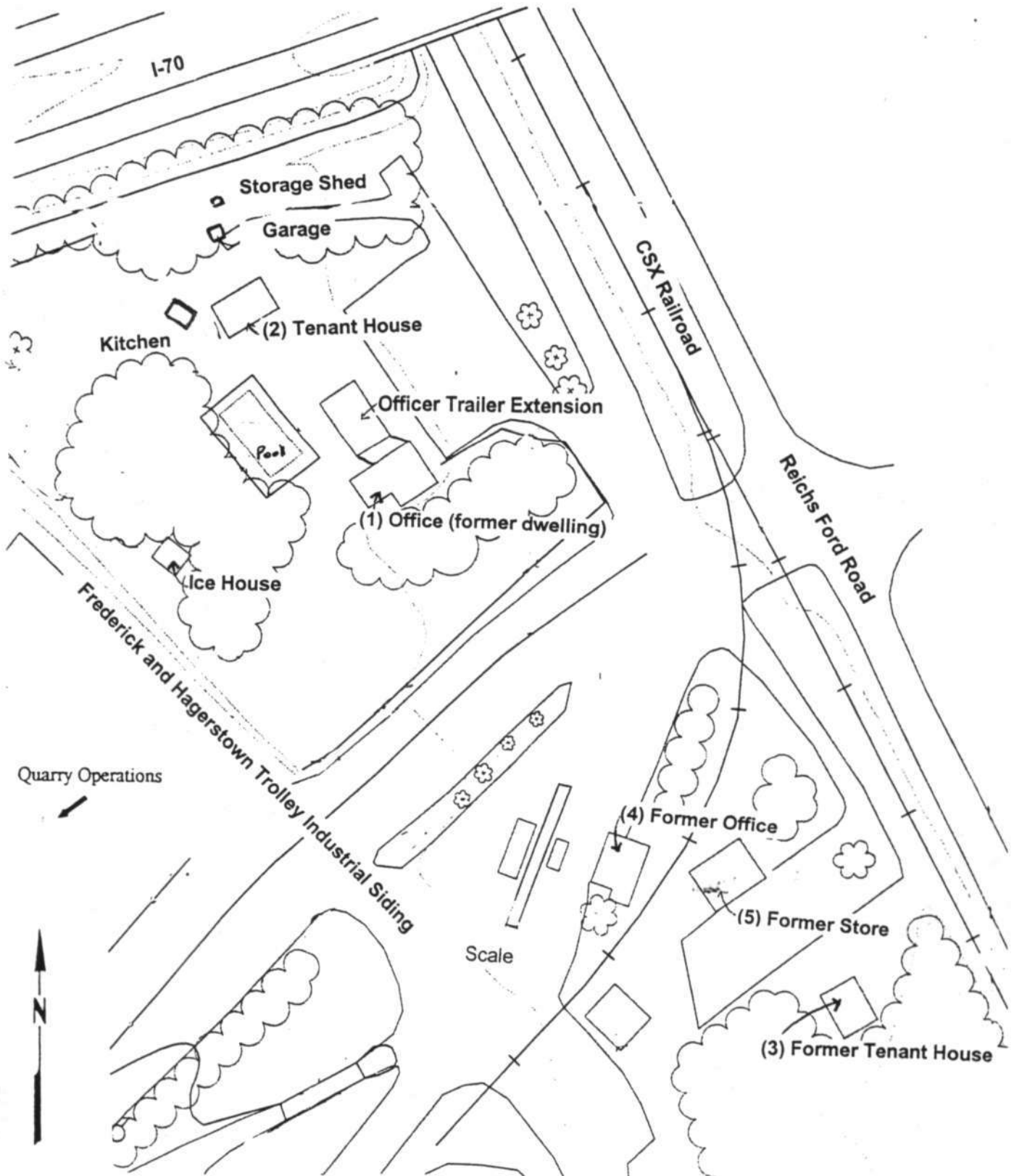
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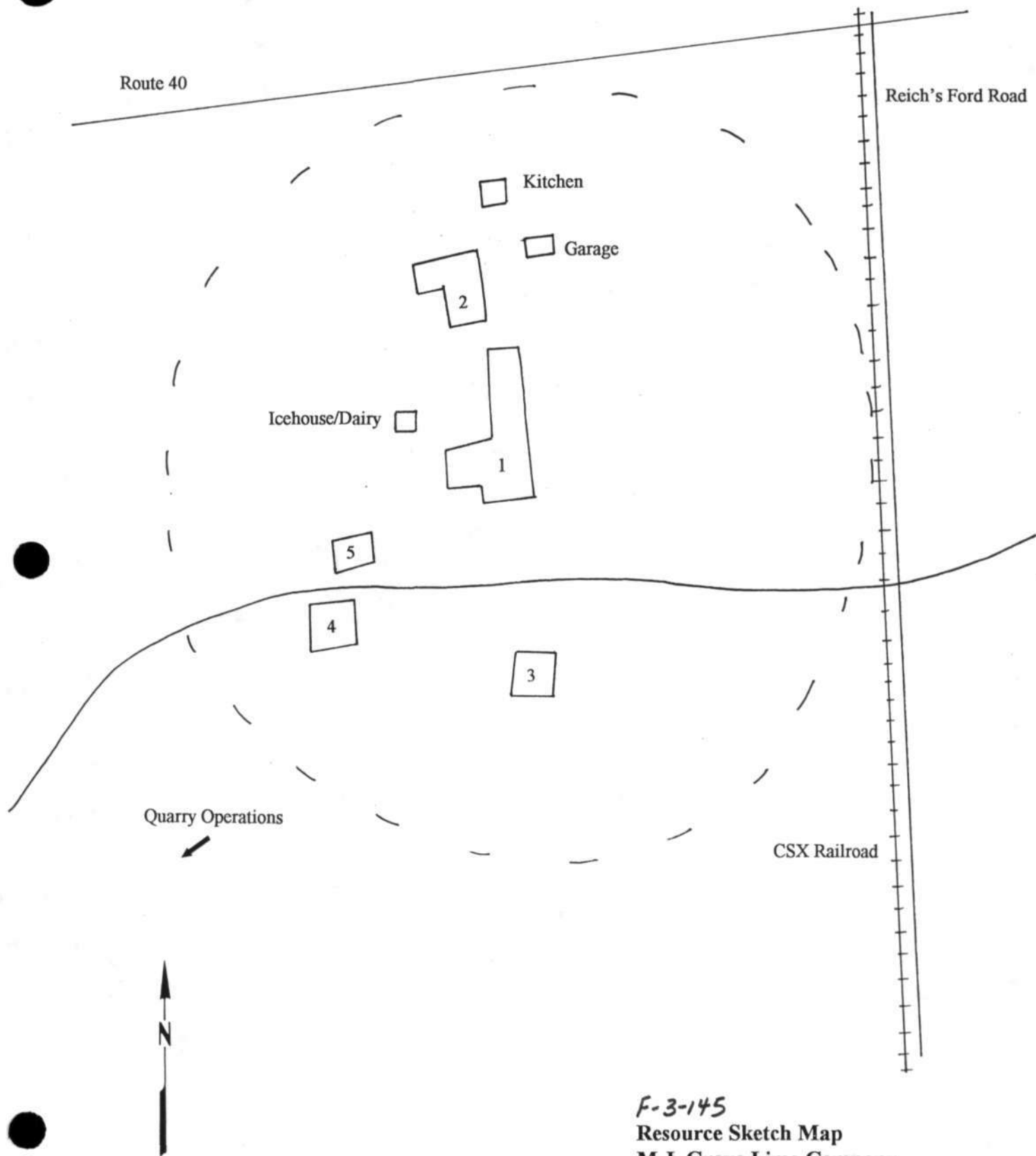
since 1772, when the family moved from Pennsylvania to Middletown. The Hon. Manassas Jacob Grove, born in 1824, was a merchant and teacher in the Middletown Valley, was attracted to the profitable lime business, and closed his mercantile business, and moved to the town of Lime Kiln, on the B&O Railroad line, south of Frederick in 1859. He immediately began the manufacture of lime with his son, William J. Grove, under the firm name of M. J. Grove & Son. In 1889, he reorganized as the M.J. Grove Lime Company and purchased the large kilns on the B&O Railroad line from Thomas Schley and Raymond Reich. Also part of the lime kilns were six lime quarries with 14 iron clad kilns for burning lime with wood. Prior to purchase by Grove, these kilns were advertised in 1886 by Thomas Schley as "the Old Brengle Lime," in use for fifty years. It was noted that it was the "best, purest and cheapest lime manufactured in Frederick County Maryland. Also noted was that teams could be loaded up out of sight of (railroad) cars, so there is no longer danger of horses becoming frightened. The location on the B&O railroad line was also advertised.

By 1896, the Grove firm included M.J. Grove and his five sons, with offices in Washington, D.C., Stephens City, Virginia, Lime Kiln, and the Frederick plant on this site. The company was one of the largest of its kind in the United States, and furnished the stone for the White House grounds, crushed stone for the water filtration systems at McMillan Reservoir in Washington, macadam roads, and other stone used for pillars and ornamental work throughout the region. James H. Grove was manager of the Frederick plant at this site, where he also lived. Later his son, James H. Grove, Jr., lived in the "large home" at the site.

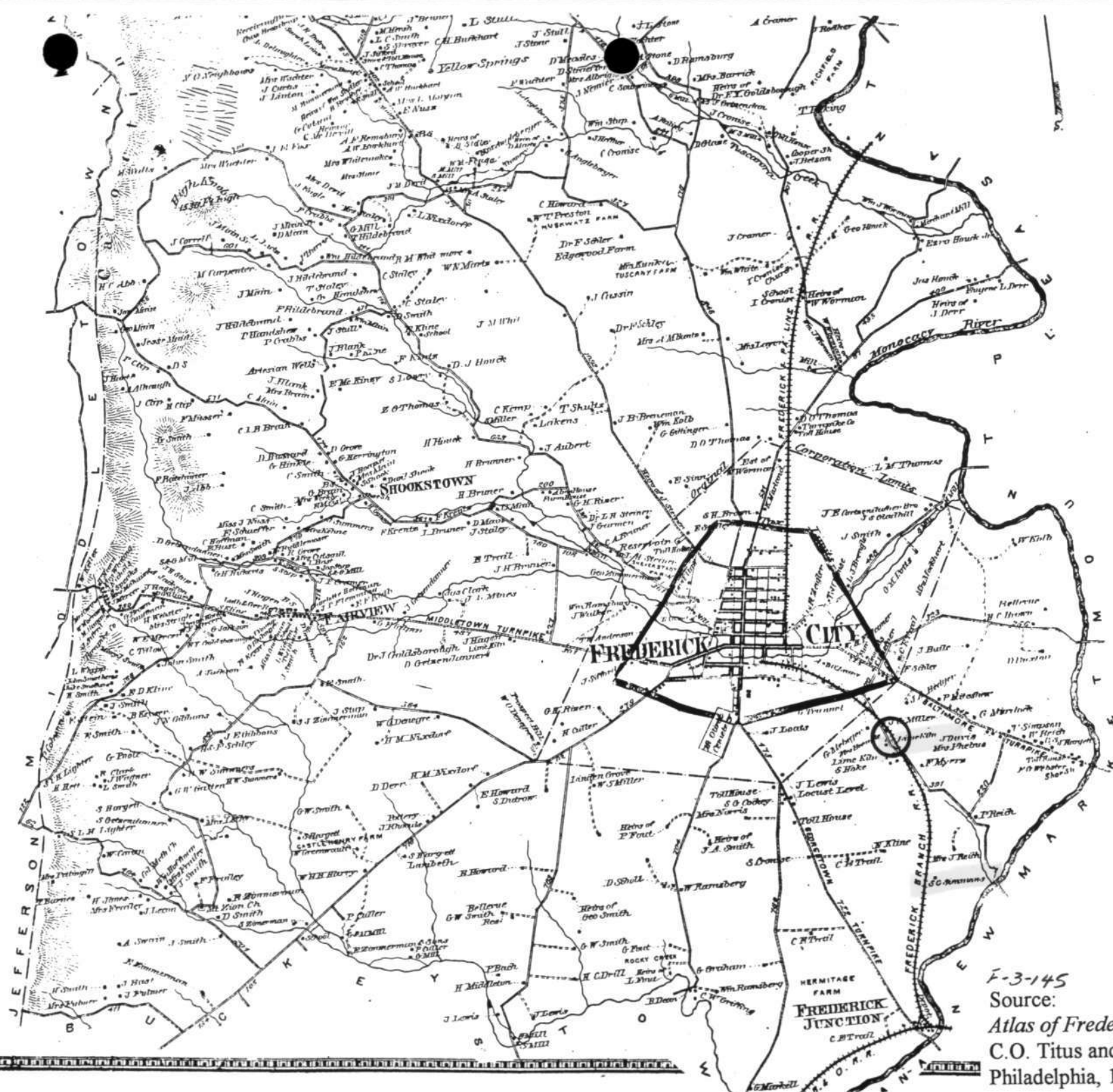
The property retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling and association in those structures already identified on the property. The residences represent the continuing use and occupation of the property as a combined business, residence and industrial site, demonstrating the close association between families and their businesses. Alterations to the residences as minor, each generally reflecting its period of construction and use during the 19th century. Two of the outbuildings probably illustrate the association of the property with the business -- the blacksmith/kitchen structure, and the ice house. Although both of these buildings could be part of a large 18th century plantation, their period of construction and association suggest use for the business, rather than for the residents. Repair of wagons, wheels and horse shoeing would have been important to a business that relied in part on transport of their product by cart or wagon, as well as by rail. Further research and archaeological study could confirm the original date and use of each building.

Additional field survey and research is recommended throughout the entire quarry and kiln property to ascertain whether any 19th century kilns remain on the property. Lime kilns remain elsewhere in Maryland, but this was one of the largest and most important of its kind in the state. Also unclear is the date and original use of some of the buildings on the property, especially Buildings 1 and 2, both of which may predate the lime kiln business. The present research was not able to determine original construction dates for either building or their outbuildings. The property remains in use as a quarry, selling crushed stone, continuing the 19th century function. Some of the 19th century residences also retain their original function, and still are used as dwellings.



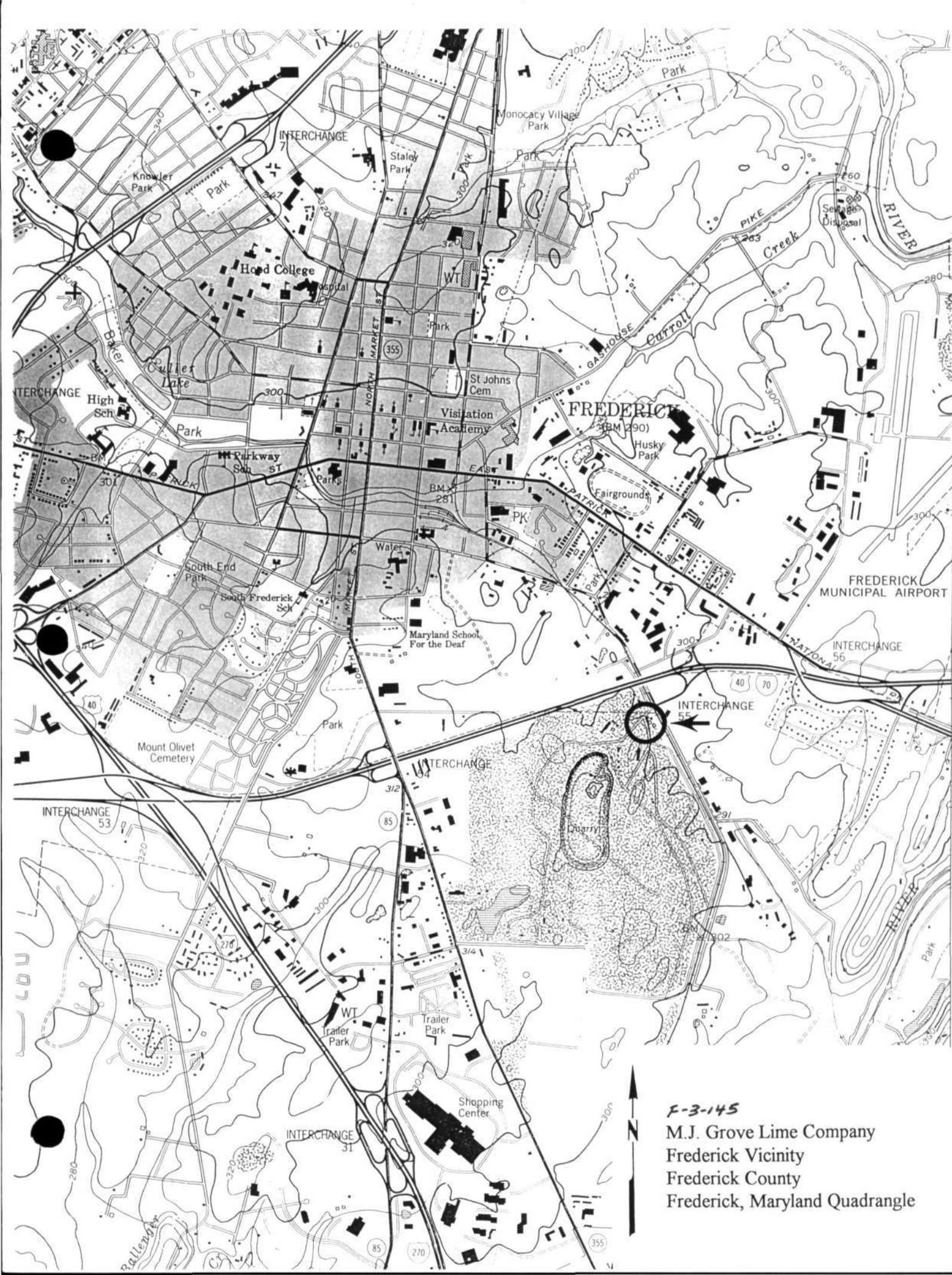


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Resource Sketch Map
M.J. Grove Lime Company
Frederick
Frederick County, Maryland



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Source:
Atlas of Frederick County, Maryland
C.O. Titus and Co.
Philadelphia, 1873



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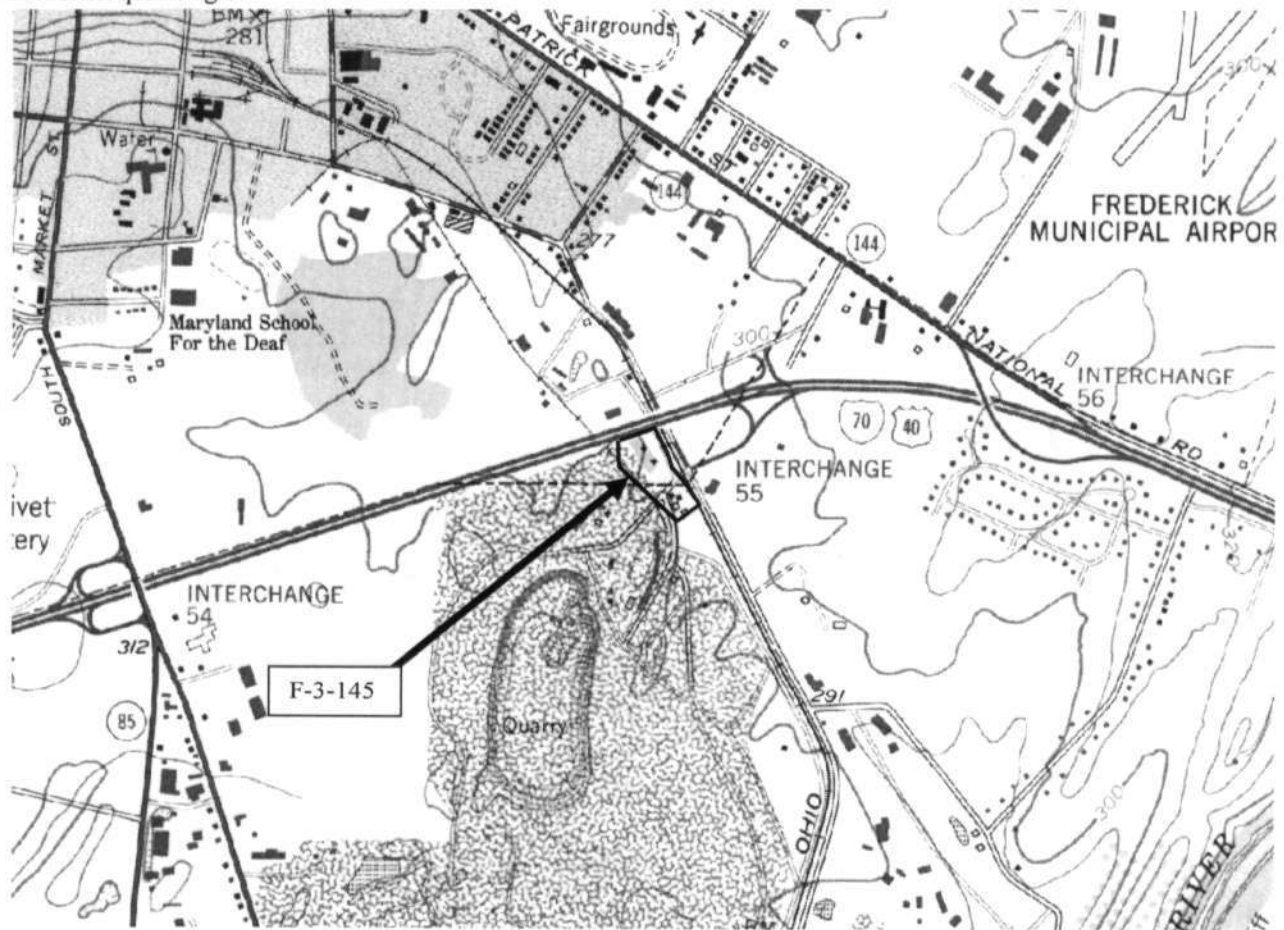
M.J. Grove Lime Company
Frederick Vicinity
Frederick County
Frederick, Maryland Quadrangle

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Hoke/Grove Lime Kiln Property (Hoke/Grove Limestone Company, Genstar Quarries)

7901 Reich's Ford Road, Frederick

Frederick quadrangle





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M.J. Grove Lime Company - Main House
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M.J. Grove Lime Company - Main House
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M.J. Grove Lime Company - Main House
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View Southeast

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M.J. Grove Lime Company - Main House

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View West - trailer extension

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M.J. Grove Lime Company - Main House - Outbuilding
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View Southeast - icehouse/dairy

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M.J. Grove Lime Company

House #2

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M.J. Grove Lime Company
House #2

Frederick County, Maryland

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View South of house - kitchen and garage

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M. J. Grove Lime Company

House #2

Frederick County, Maryland

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View West of house - kitchen

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M.J. Grove Lime Company

House #2

Frederick County, Maryland

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View North of house - kitchen and garage

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M. J. Grove Lime Company

House #2

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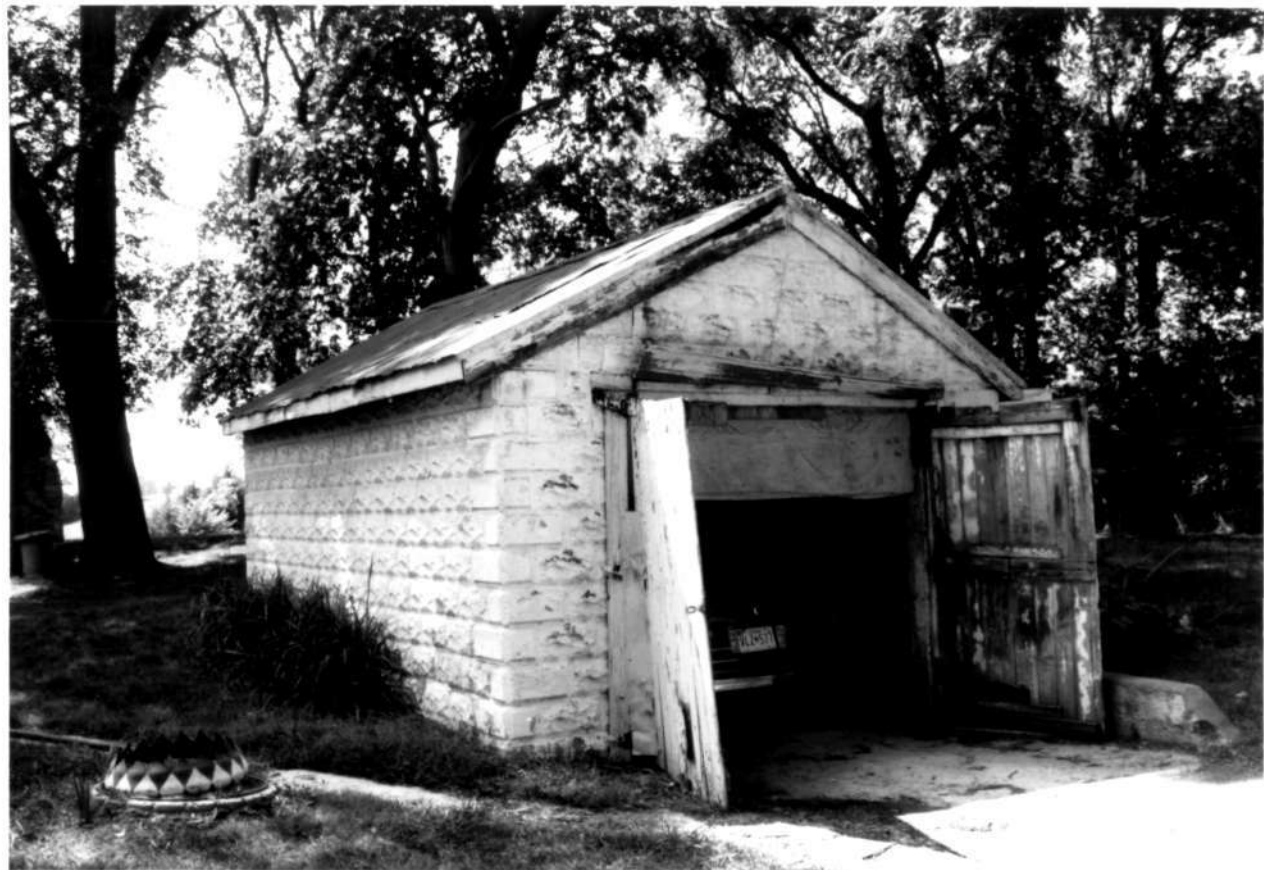
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View Southeast - Kitchen

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M.J. Grove Lime Company

House #2

Frederick County, Maryland

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View Southeast - garage

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M. J. Grove Lumber Company

House #3

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Frederick County, Maryland

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View Northeast

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